

## **FIRST READING**

*Instruction:* This is the first reading. Approach altar after the Opening Prayer when all people sit down.

### **A Reading from the book of Isaiah**

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
Upon whom I have put my spirit;  
He shall bring forth justice to the nations.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,  
I have grasped you by the hand;  
I formed you,  
And set you as a covenant of the people,  
A light for the nations,

To open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
and from the dungeon,  
those who live in darkness.

I am the LORD,  
This is my name;  
My glory I give to no other,  
Nor my praise to idols.

### **The Word of the Lord**

(Isaiah 42:1, 6-8)